

12 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award - Expedition on 20 and 21 June**

Firstly, I wanted to convey to you how well the boys did on their practice walk yesterday. They all worked well in their teams, and the camaraderie throughout the day was a joy to see, as they passed through the various checkpoints.

Unfortunately, Mrs Blackmore, our DofE Manager, recently sustained a serious hand injury and is unlikely to be back in school next week. Therefore, I shall be overseeing the Expedition in her absence. My email address is [r.kane@vcj.sch.je](mailto:r.kane@vcj.sch.je) if you need to contact me with any concerns or queries.

I have re-attached the Expedition kit list recently provided via the parental newsletter last week, for you to check through with your son. We have already handed out rucksacks to those boys who needed to borrow one and we will also supply the Trangia stove and tents for each expedition group. This equipment will be given out Thursday morning next week, as part of the pre-expedition briefing process. As the expedition will be device free, I would recommend that your son brings some cards or something similar for the evening entertainment once inside their tents.

Just a reminder that the boys will be starting the expedition from school on Thursday morning, sleeping overnight at the Scout Centre at St Ouen, and returning to school before the end of the school day Friday. Even if the weather forecast looks favourable for the end of next week, please can you ensure your son brings waterproof clothing. A hat/cap would also be useful, as hopefully the sun will shine for us.

In terms of medication, some of the boys found that their hay fever flared up during the walk yesterday. If they do suffer from hay fever it would be advisable for your son to carry their usual antihistamine in their rucksack. Any prescription medication needs to be placed in a clear bag, with their full name marked on and handed in by your son on Thursday morning to myself. If they need to take any prescription medication throughout the day, I will be able to organise to meet them at a checkpoint for this to happen.

I am sure it will be a wonderful experience for them all and we are very much looking forward to the expedition next week.

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